

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ An automated method, comprising:

receiving a search query;

determining whether the received search query includes an entity name corresponding to a particular entity;

determining whether to rewrite the received search query based on information relating to selections of search results from prior searches involving conducted based on prior search queries including the entity name;

rewriting the received search query to include a restrict identifier relating to a domain associated with the particular entity when ~~it is determined that the received search query should be rewritten based on~~ the information relating to selections of search results from the prior searches indicates that users intended the particular entity when the users submitted the prior search queries including the entity name;

automatically performing a search ~~[[of]]~~ restricted to the domain associated with the particular entity based on the rewritten search query to obtain search results; and

presenting the search results.
2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing a link to the received search query with the search results, where selection of

the link causes a search to be performed based on the received search query.

3-6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein~~ where the determining whether to rewrite the received search query comprises:

identifying entity identifiers associated with search result documents that were selected in connection with the prior searches involving the entity name,

determining a total number of selections for each of the identified entity identifiers, and

determining that the received search query should be rewritten when an entity identifier associated with the entity name receives a total number of selections greater than other ones of the identified entity identifiers.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 7, ~~wherein~~ where the determining whether to rewrite the received search query further comprises:

determining whether the total number of selections for the entity identifier associated with the entity name is greater than a threshold, and

determining that the received search query should not be rewritten when the total number of selections for the entity identifier associated with the entity name is not greater than the threshold.

9. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein~~ where the determining

whether to rewrite the received search query comprises:

identifying entity identifiers associated with search result documents that were selected in connection with the prior searches involving the entity name,

determining a distribution of a total number of selections for each of the identified entity identifiers, and

determining that the received search query should be rewritten when the distribution indicates that the total number of selections for an entity identifier associated with the entity name is peaked compared to the total number of selections for a subset of other ones of the identified entity identifiers.

10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein~~ where the automatically performing a search based on the rewritten search query comprises:

searching a repository of documents using the rewritten search query.

12. (currently amended) A system implemented within one or more computer devices, comprising:

means for receiving a search query;

means for determining whether the received search query includes an entity name corresponding to a particular entity;

means for ~~determining whether to rewrite~~ rewriting the received search query to include a

restrict identifier relating to a domain associated with the particular entity when the received search query includes the entity name;

~~means for rewriting the received search query when it is determined that the received search query should be rewritten;~~

means for automatically performing a search ~~[[of]]~~ restricted to the domain associated with the particular entity based on the rewritten search query to obtain search results in lieu of performing a search based on the received search query; and

means for providing the search results.

13. (currently amended) A system, comprising:

a memory to store information relating to selections of search results from prior searches conducted based on prior search queries; and

a processor to:

receive a search query from a user,

determine whether the received search query includes an entity name corresponding to a particular entity,

determine whether to rewrite the received search query based on the information in the memory,

rewrite the received search query to restrict a search performed based on the rewritten search query to a ~~domain~~ set of documents associated with the particular entity when it is ~~determined that the received search query should be rewritten based on the~~ information in the memory indicates that users intended the particular entity when the

users submitted the prior search queries including the entity name,

perform, without input from the user, a search ~~[[of]]~~ restricted to the domain set of documents associated with the particular entity based on the rewritten search query to obtain search results, and
present the search results.

14-37. (canceled)

38. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ An automated method, comprising:

receiving a search query;

determining whether the received search query includes an entity name corresponding to a particular entity;

determining whether to rewrite the received search query based on information relating to user behavior associated with prior searches involving conducted based on prior search queries including the entity name;

rewriting the received search query to restrict a search performed based on the rewritten search query to a domain associated with the particular entity when ~~it is determined that the received search query should be rewritten based on~~ the information relating to the user behavior associated with the prior searches indicates that users intended the particular entity when the users submitted the prior search queries including the entity name;

automatically performing, ~~without user intervention,~~ a search ~~[[of]]~~ restricted to the domain associated with the particular entity based on the rewritten search query to obtain search

results without performing a search based on the received search query; and
presenting the search results.

39-41. (canceled)

42. (currently amended) An automated method, comprising:
receiving a search query from a user;
determining ~~whether~~ that the received search query includes a store name associated with
a particular store;
rewriting the received search query to include a restrict identifier relating to a domain
associated with the particular store based on information relating to prior searches involving the
store name;
performing, without input from the user, a search ~~[[of]]~~ restricted to the domain
associated with the particular store based on the rewritten search query to obtain search results;
and
presenting the search results.

43. (currently amended) An automated method, comprising:
receiving a search query;
determining ~~whether~~ that the received search query includes a name of a news source;
rewriting the received search query to include a restrict identifier relating to a domain
associated with the news source based on information relating to prior searches involving the

name of the news source;

automatically performing a search [[of]] restricted to the domain associated with the news source based on the rewritten search query to obtain search results; and
presenting the search results.

44. (currently amended) The system of claim 13, where the processor is further configured to provide a link to the received search query along with the search results, where selection of the link causes the processor to perform a search based on the received search query.

45. (currently amended) The system of claim 13, where when determining whether to rewrite the received search query, the processor is configured to:

identify entity identifiers associated with search results documents that were selected in connection with the prior searches involving the entity name,

determine a total number of selections for each of the identified entity identifiers, and

determine that the received search query should be rewritten when an entity identifier associated with the entity name receives a total number of selections greater than other ones of the identified entity identifiers.

46. (previously presented) The system of claim 45, where when determining whether to rewrite the received search query, the processor is further configured to:

determine whether the total number of selections for the entity identifier associated with the entity name is greater than a threshold, and

determine that the received search query should not be rewritten when the total number of selections for the entity identifier associated with the entity name is not greater than the threshold.

47. (currently amended) The system of claim 13, where when determining whether to rewrite the received search query, the processor is configured to:

identify entity identifiers associated with search result documents that were selected in connection with the prior searches involving the entity name,

determine a distribution of a total number of selections for each of the identified entity identifiers, and

determine that the received search query should be rewritten when the distribution indicates that the total number of selections for an entity identifier associated with the entity name is peaked compared to the total number of selections for a subset of other ones of the identified entity identifiers.

48. (previously presented) The system of claim 13, where when rewriting the received search query, the processor is configured to modify the received search query to include a restrict identifier that restricts the search performed based on the rewritten search query to the domain associated with the particular entity.

49. (previously presented) The system of claim 13, where when performing the search based on the rewritten search query, the processor is configured to search a repository of

documents using the rewritten search query.

50. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, where the entity name corresponds to a store name associated with a particular store, and

automatically performing the search restricted to the domain associated with the particular entity includes automatically performing a search restricted to a domain associated with the particular store.

51. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, where the entity name corresponds to a name of a particular news source, and

automatically performing the search restricted to the domain associated with the particular entity includes automatically performing a search restricted to a domain associated with the particular news source.

52. (new) A computer-readable memory device that stores computer-executable instructions, comprising:

one or more instructions for receiving a search query;

one or more instructions for determining that the received search query includes an entity name corresponding to a particular entity;

one or more instructions for identifying information associated with prior selections of search results previously generated based on search queries that include the entity name;

one or more instructions for rewriting the received search query to restrict a search

performed based on the rewritten search query to a set of documents associated with the particular entity when the identified information indicates that users intended the particular entity when the users submitted the search queries;

one or more instructions for performing a search restricted to the set of documents associated with the particular entity based on the rewritten search query to obtain search results;
and

one or more instructions for presenting the search results.

53. (new) The computer-readable memory device of claim 52, where the one or more instructions for rewriting the received search query includes:

one or more instructions for identifying entity identifiers associated with search result documents that were selected in connection with prior searches involving the entity name,

one or more instructions for determining a total number of selections for each of the identified entity identifiers, and

one or more instructions for rewriting the received search query when an entity identifier associated with the entity name receives a total number of selections greater than other ones of the identified entity identifiers.

54. (new) The computer-readable memory device of claim 52, where the one or more instructions for rewriting the received search query includes:

one or more instructions for identifying entity identifiers associated with search result documents that were selected in connection with prior searches involving the entity name,

one or more instructions for determining a distribution of a total number of selections for each of the identified entity identifiers, and

one or more instructions for rewriting the received search query when the distribution indicates that the total number of selections for an entity identifier associated with the entity name is peaked compared to the total number of selections for a subset of other ones of the identified entity identifiers.

55. (new) The method of claim 38, where determining whether to rewrite the received search query comprises:

identifying entity identifiers associated with search result documents that were selected in connection with the prior searches involving the entity name,

determining a total number of selections for each of the identified entity identifiers, and

determining that the received search query should be rewritten when an entity identifier associated with the entity name receives a total number of selections greater than other ones of the identified entity identifiers.

56. (new) The method of claim 55, where determining whether to rewrite the received search query further comprises:

determining whether the total number of selections for the entity identifier associated with the entity name is greater than a threshold, and

determining that the received search query should not be rewritten when the total number of selections for the entity identifier associated with the entity name is not greater than the

threshold.

57. (new) The method of claim 42, where rewriting the received search query comprises:

identifying store identifiers associated with search result documents that were selected in connection with the prior searches involving the store name,

determining a total number of selections for each of the identified store identifiers, and

rewriting the received search query when a store identifier associated with the store name receives a total number of selections greater than other ones of the identified store identifiers.

58. (new) The method of claim 57, where rewriting the received search query further comprises:

determining whether the total number of selections for the store identifier associated with the store name is greater than a threshold, and

not rewriting the received search query when the total number of selections for the store identifier associated with the store name is not greater than the threshold.

59. (new) The method of claim 43, further comprising:

providing a link to the received search query with the search results, where selection of the link causes a search to be performed based on the received search query.

60. (new) The method of claim 43, where rewriting the received search query

comprises:

identifying news source identifiers associated with search result documents that were selected in connection with the prior searches involving the name of the news source,

determining a distribution of a total number of selections for each of the identified news source identifiers, and

rewriting the received search query when the distribution indicates that the total number of selections for a news source identifier associated with the name of the news source is peaked compared to the total number of selections for a subset of other ones of the identified news source identifiers.